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SUBJ: DACCA PRESS COVERAGE OF GOI RECOGNITION

REF: DELHI 11673 (NOTAL)

1. DACCA NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 28 REPORTED MEA SPOKESMAN'S  
REMARKS ABOUT RECOGNITION AND SOME OF MRS. GANDHI  
COMMENTS (REFTEL). NEWSPAPERS MADE INDIA LEADING  
ITEM OF ARTICLE REPORTING RECOGNITION BY SEVERAL  
COUNTRIES. IN A BRIEF COMPANION ARTICLE, NEWSPAPERS  
REPORT MRS. GANDHI'S STATEMENT TO AL AHRAH THAT INDIA  
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WAS "UNSHAKABLY COMMITTED TO PURSUIT OF FRIENDSHIP

AND COOPERATION WITH BANGLADESH AND WITH ALL OUR NEIGHBORS." ARTICLE ALSO PARAPHRASES MRS. GANDHI'S REMARKS REGARDING THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO GOOD WILL AND COOPERATION IN THE SUBCONTINENT AND FULFILMENT OF THE IDEALS ON WHICH BANGLADESH WAS BUILT.

2. COMMENT. NEWSPAPERS HERE DID NOT CARRY MEA SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT THAT A BANGLADESH DELEGATION WAS IN NEW DELHI A FEW DAYS AGO. WE HAVE NOT HEARD THAT ANY SPECIAL DELEGATION WAS DISPATCHED TO DELHI; PERHAPS MEA SPOKESMAN WAS REFERRING TO BANGALEES ENROUTE TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

3. ALTHOUGH REPORTED ROUTINELY, THE INDIAN RECOGNITION WAS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE PRESS. WE HAVE NOTED THAT DACCA NEWSPAPERS IN GENERAL SINCE THE COUP HAVE BEEN GIVING MORE PROMINENCE TO BANGLADESH'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA THAN TO THOSE WITH PAKISTAN, PUBLISHING SOME EIGHT STORIES FROM DELHI COMPARED TO ONLY THREE BRIEF ARTICLES ON TIES WITH ISLAMABAD. MOREOVER, INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S CALL ON PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE AUGUST 20 RESULTED IN FRONT PAGE TWO-COLUMN PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MEETING. THIS NEWS COVERAGE IS VERY LIKELY A DIRECT REFLECTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S PREOCCUPATION WITH INDIA'S RESPONSE TO THE COUP.  
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